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SUBJ: ESCAP MEETING OF MINISTERS OF TRADE

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1. THE ESCAP SECRETARIAT HOPES, PERHAPS WISHFULLY, THAT STATEMENTS GIVEN BY MINISTERS DURING MINISTERIAL SESSION COMMENCING MONDAY, 21 AUGUST WILL BE BASED ON RESULTS OF PRIOR SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS MEETING 16-18 AUGUST. THUS, WHILE PAPER ON OVERVIEW OF U.S. ECONOMY MAY PROVE USEFUL TO HAVE HANDY, A BRIEF STATEMENT ON US TRADE WITH ESCAP REGION RELATING TO THOSE ASPECTS OF THE REGIONAL BLUE-PRINT WHICH US MIGHT PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR, AND ADAPTED TO FINDINGS OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING WOULD HAVE MORE RELEVANCE DURING MINISTERIAL SESSION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE RECENT ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON MIGHT PROVIDE SOME IDEAS WHICH COULD BE APPLIED TO BROADER ESCAP REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE OFFERS ON CERTAIN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OR HELP IN TRADE PROMOTION AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES. COULD WE MAKE ANY COMMENTS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AT HOW WE SEE ESCAP PROBLEM OF INCREASING REGIONAL TRADE AND ACCESS TO

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MARKETS? A LARGE PART OF ESCAP REGIONAL TRADE IS DETERMINED BY PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH, PRESUMABLY, US WOULD WISH TO SUPPORT WHILE SOVIETS ARE LIKELY TO PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC SECTOR AS IN THE PAST.

2. RE SCHWARTZ/SKIFF TELCON, DRAFT ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING COOPERATIVE EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE

ASSOCIATION IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH.
IT IS A VERY ROUGH DRAFT AND HAS SOME WAY TO GO BEFORE
SERIOUS TECHNICAL DISCUSSION TAKES PLACE.

3. ESCAP SECRETARIAT IS LOOKING FOR BROAD ENDORSEMENT
FOR ACTION ORIENTED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK
OF BLUEPRINT WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT TECHNICAL DETAILS
SUBJECT TO MEMBER COUNTRIES COMMENT AND APPROVAL AT A
LATER DATE.

4. BELIEVE DELEGATION WILL NEED TO WORK ON US POSITION
AND STATEMENT OVER WEEKEND OF 19-20 AUGUSTGUST ONCE WE HAVE
AN APPRECIATION OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING.
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